

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SPEER VIRTUAL MEDIA, LTD. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-072

On June 10, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Speer Virtual Media, Ltd. (SVM).

SVM proposes to offer outbound and inbound telecommunications, directory assistance, calling cards, prepaid calling cards, and conference services. A proposed tariff was filed by SVM. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On June 12, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 27, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled September 25, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered SVM's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority as SVM had furnished the Commission with a surety bond.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that SVM has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. SVM has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves SVM's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that SVM's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that SVM shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of October, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Heldine Kalbs

Date: 10/8/97

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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